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RE: FRN # 1899083174

Blue Springs R-IV School District

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## To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for taking the time to consider a waiver of the filing window deadline. Attached is a copy of the Form 471 (FRN # 1899083174) filed on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Form 471 submitted was for a 1 Gigabit point-to-point facilities-based ethernet connection between the school district office and four of our E-Rate eligible schools.

Last year, we started a five-year contract for the service mentioned above. At that time, we filed Form 471 (FRN # 1799089241) and received a funding commitment letter. By stating on the form 471 it was a 5-year contract and the end date was June 30, 3022, it seemed as if we would not need to file a Form 471 for this service until the five-year contract was up and we did another RFP. After learning a Form 471 should be completed each year, immediate action was taken.

I have only been working with E-Rate for a couple of years without a consultant and I am still learning the process as it is quite extensive. I try to keep myself up-to-date with the trainings from USAC as my schedule allows. I am hoping you will understand the confusion and take it into consideration. If you need any further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Kathy Bartow Blue Springs R-IV School District